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Dear Mom and Dad,

I told you something about our trip to Tangier Island on the phone. It just didn't seem possible to visit an island and find it still pretty much as it has been for over three hundred years. The tourism, in fact, is increasing so fast that the character of the place will soon change. Also, the economy is based on crabs which are rapidly disappearing from the bay due to dredging of the females during the winter. The rockfish vanished several years ago and last year there were no oysters.

Next Saturday we are driving up to Baltimore. There is a special exhibit at the Baltimore Museum of Art and in the evening we are going to the Baltimore Symphony "Summerfest". Before the concert, which begins at 7:30, one can buy food and drink from a tent set up outside the hall. We went last year and had a good time.

Summer was late but it finally arrived with high temperatures regularly in the mid 90's. I skipped my long 15 mile run last Sunday and probably will again this weekend. I went out to lunch with my friend Fred Kruger last week. He and I started running 11 years ago when we worked at the Hoffman Bldg in Alexandria. He went through a period of running twice a day, was injured, and then didn't run for a year. Now he wants to run the Boston Marathon in 1992 just after he and I turn 50. The qualifying time is easier and perhaps I can do it.

We are certainly looking forward to visiting you,

Love,

Jim & Vickie